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EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
TECHNOLOGY CENTER 2176

Attorney Docket No. **30014200-1071**

PATENT

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of:	)	Group Art Unit: 2176
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Paul J. RANK et al.	)	Examiner: Nathan Hillery
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Application No.: 09/756,642	)	
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Filed: January 3, 2001	)	
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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR A	)	
FILE FORMAT FOR STORING	)	
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**RESPONSE AFTER FINAL**

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, this Response After Final is submitted in response to the Final Office Action mailed August 30, 2004. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims. Applicants have submitted a petition for extension of time for two months filed concurrently herewith.